

Welcome to Celebration Presbyterian Church
Welcome, friends, from far and near. Let us worship God who is surely here. Let us pray, sing, share the Word and give; then let us joyfully go into God's world to live. *Please indicate your desires for visitation, or information about joining Celebration Church on the Ritual of Friendship Pad. *Prayer cards are provided for sharing your joys and concerns. Please write your prayer requests on a card and the ushers will collect them.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP
Come amongst us, Lord. Enable us to see you, to hear you and to feel you as we gather to praise you at the dawn of this New Year. In this hour of worship, we invite you to take away the pain and disappointment of the year that is past, cleanse us of any sin that we are still hanging on to. In 2019 help us choose a new way of living and loving and set us on a path of righteousness as we start this year in your presence, singing your praises and worshipping You. Amen.

Celebrating our sixteenth year of faithful living and giving!

Sunday, January 6, 2019	Epiphany of the Lord
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THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude Sarah Abushakra

Chiming the Hour

***Hymn No. 137** *He Came Down*

Greeting
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Welcome, Ritual of Friendship, Prayer Cards, Announcements and Opening Prayer

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**
The Peace of Christ be with You. **And also with you!**
(Please exchange signs of Christ's peace with your brothers and sisters in Christ near you.)

TO WORSHIP THE LORD OUR GOD

***Responsive Call to Worship** Liturgist: Carla Baker
We have seen the star in the East! **God is with us. Light has come!**
We have heard the songs of the angels. **God is with us. Love has come!**
Now we follow the light into the world.
God is with us. Christ has come!

***Hymn No. 147** *The First Nowell*

Call to Confession Liturgist: Carla Baker
If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But, if we confess our sins, Jesus is faithful to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sins collectively and then personally.

Unison Prayer of Confession Liturgist: Carla Baker
God of light shine upon us. Move us to see the glow of your presence in the darkest places: the places where it seems impossible for a candle to hold its flame. Move us to know the light of your Spirit in the brightest places: the places where neon signs, LED headlights and fluorescent bulbs are nearly blinding. Move us to notice the light of your love in the loudest places: the places where the chaos and cacophony demand all our attention. Forgive us, Lord, of the ways we fail to notice and live in your good news. Move us to see you, to hear you, to feel your warmth. May we know the light, and never fear the darkness. For it was in the void of darkness that you formed the world, and it was in the dark of night that you came as a child.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon Liturgist: Carla Baker
Friends hear the Good News and believe it:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God!**

Affirmation of Faith **From: PC (U.S.A.) Brief Statement of Faith**
In Life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Hymn No. 583** *Glory to God* GLORIA

Time With Young Disciples
Children's Church follows in Room 5
The children are invited to come to the steps for the Time With Young Disciples

TO WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER AND SHARED STEWARDSHIP

Prayers of the People – Sharing Our Joys and Concerns
Please pass your prayer cards to an usher.

Prayer of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings as Faithful Stewards
All things in heaven and earth belong to God, who is coming in glory to reveal a new creation. Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

2 Peter 3:8-15

Offertory *We Three Kings* Instrumental

***Doxology Hymn No. 609** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, al-le-lu--ia!

***Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**
We will give thanks to you forever, Holy God, for life, for breath, for health, for love, for mercy, for grace, for Jesus, for each other. Let your praise continually fill our mouths and our minds so that we might lead lives of gratitude and love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

TO WORSHIP THROUGH WORD, SACRAMENT AND WITNESS

Scripture **Matthew 2:1-12** NRSV
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Choose Another Way* Tom Dendy

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

***Hymn No. 508** *Come to the Table*

Invitation to the Lord's Table
Words of Institution and Prayer of Preparation
Sharing the Bread and Cup
**(Please hold bread/cup until all have been served and we will partake of communion together.)

Unison Prayer after Communion
With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice dedicated to your service. Lead us, O God, to conform this world to your kingdom of love, justice, and peace. Help us to live as the Lord requires: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you, our God. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all the saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

AND RESPOND IN FAITHFUL SERVICE IN THE WORLD

***Charge and Benediction**

***Hymn No. 150** *As with Gladness Men of Old*

***Postlude** Sarah Abushakra
(*If able, please stand at these points in the service.)

CELEBRATION HAPPENINGS		
Sun Jan 6	Adult Bible Study	9:15 am
	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am
	Coffee and Fellowship	10:15 am
	Worship, Nursery, Children's Church	11:00 am
	Holy Communion	
Tues Jan 8	QUILTERS meet at the church	10:00 am
Wed Jan 9	Choir Party/Rehearsal @ Sarah's Home	6:30 pm
Thu Jan 10	LadyBug Luncheon at Maggie D's	12:00 pm
	Team A Cooks at the Shepherd's Table	1:00 pm
Sun Jan 13	Adult Bible Study	9:15 am
	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 am
	Coffee and Fellowship	10:15 am
	Worship, Nursery, Children's Church, He~Brews Cafe	11:00 am
	Shower for Trudy Miller	12:15 pm

Upcoming Opportunities
Thu Jan 17 – Team D cooks at The Shepherd’s Table 1pm
Fri Jan 19 - Breakfast Buddies at Hot Stacks Pancake House
Sun Jan 20 – Stated Session Meeting following worship
Sun Feb 3 – Ordination/Installation of Elders
Sat Feb 9 – Session Planning Retreat, 8:30am-2:30pm
Sun Feb 17 – Stated Session Meeting following worship

SERVICE/SERMON NOTES AND REMINDERS: _____



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Epiphany of the Lord
January 6, 2019
11:00 a.m. Worship
Celebrating our 16th year of
Faithful Mission and Ministry!



Our Purpose
*To Celebrate God’s Glory by Reaching, Teaching,
and Sending People to Love and Serve the Lord.*

JOIN US AT CELEBRATION
*We are Christ followers who are open,
accepting, loving and welcoming to all!*

OUR MISSION is to Proclaim Jesus as Lord and
Savior, Praise and Worship God,
Prepare our hearts to share God’s Word,
and Provide Love and Service to ALL!